



October 5, 2004

Ms. Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company Semi-Annual
Report in D.T.E. 03-87

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil ("Unitil") is pleased to submit the attached semi-annual report regarding the status of "double poles" to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"). The Department, in D.T.E. 03-87, issued an order on November 28, 2003, requiring that all utility pole owners submit semi-annual reports summarizing the status of their progress in eliminating the backlog of double utility poles within their respective service areas. Enclosed for filing are the original and six (6) copies of this status report.

Current Double Pole Inventory

As detailed in Unitil's filing in this docket on October 14, 2003, out of a total of approximately 18,500 utility poles, as of that date there were a total of 343 double poles in place in four towns served by Unitil:

Ashby:	78
Fitchburg:	153
Lunenburg:	32
Townsend:	80

During the period from October 14, 2003 through January 28, 2004, as reported in Unitil's Detailed Plan to Eliminate Backlog of Double Poles, 50 double poles were removed and 27 new double poles were added, resulting in a total of 320 double poles:¹

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¹ Please note that all data is based on information in the Pole Lifecycle Management system ("PLM") and is subject to correction and update as data is received. Thus, as of January 28, 2004 Unitil reported a total of 320 double poles, which was reflective of the numbers reported in the PLM system at the time. Updates show that the total at that time was 325 double poles.

Ashby:	56
Fitchburg:	153
Lunenburg:	24
Townsend:	87

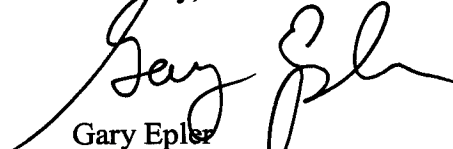
In the current period, from January 28, 2004 through September 28, 2004, 199 double poles were removed and 80 added, resulting in a total of 206 double poles:

Ashby:	28
Fitchburg:	93
Lunenburg:	8
Townsend:	77

A more complete breakdown of the status of the double poles, showing which transfers are pending, is attached to this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Gary Epler
Senior Regulatory Counsel

Attachment

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer
All parties on Department Service List

Status of Double Utility Poles in Unutil Service Territory - September 28, 2004

Town	Total as of 01/28/04	Poles Removed	Poles Added	Total as 9/28/04
Ashby	56	30	2	28
Fitchburg	153	104	44	93
Lunenburg	26	25	7	8
Townsend	90	40	27	77
Totals	325	199	80	206

Town	Electric	Fire	Transfers Pending CATV	Phone	Remediation Unutil	Verizon	Total as 9/28/04
Ashby	1	0	0	16	11	0	28
Fitchburg	23	1	16	52	1	0	93
Lunenburg	4	0	0	3	0	1	8
Townsend	3	1	10	56	7	0	77
Totals	31	2	26	127	19	1	206

The listings for "Poles Removed" and "Poles Added" reflect activity since January 28, 2004. All data in this chart is based upon information in the PLM system and company records, and is subject to correction and update as documentation, work orders and field reports are reviewed.